

Citizen Review Panel Meeting Minutes Tuesday October 6, 2020

PANEL MEMBERS:

Doug Graves Diane Wolfkiel Lanni Johnson Jenny Easley

STAFF MEMBERS:

Barbara Felty, SWDH Tim Barrass

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Diane Wolfkiel called the business meeting to order and Doug Graves seconded it at 8:45 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 9/1/2020 MINUTES

Panel members reviewed Citizen Review Panel minutes from September 1, 2020.

MOTION: Diane Wolfkiel moved to accept the 9/1/2020 minutes. Doug Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IN-KIND HOURS REPORTED

Panel members reported their in-kind hours for the quarterly report.

NEW MEMBER SEARCH

The panel discussed the search for another panel member.

PANEL DISCUSSION

- Length of cases
- The system continues to try to reunify fragile children when it's not in the best interest of the children
- District 3 panel members still need more information on the ecabinet in order to see the whole picture, Documentation missing: parental visit notations, ad litem notes, social worker notes, court reports, IDHW not uploaded all documents
- Mental health needs are great with the children, big time lag for counseling, need more counselors
- Neurosike (SP?) referrals wait time up to a year
- Children who have had sexual and/or physical abuse are still forced to attend visit with their perpetrators
- Kids get lost in the beaurocratic shuffle
- Legal compliance takes too long
- Kids need more advocates
- Shortage of COSSA staff
- Lack of resources for newly adopted families
- If child needs residential help they have to go out of state and lose their local support system, only 1 facility in Idaho that accepts Medicaid and it only takes girls

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:00 a.m. Doug Graves made a motion to go into executive session. The motion as seconded by Diane Wolfkiel. Roll Call taken.

At 11:15 p.m. Diane Wolfkiel made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Doug Graves.

Respectfully Submitted

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Citizen Review Panel Coordinator

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.